GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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STD ISD PCO BOOTHS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms fixed for allotment of STD/ISD/PCO booths;

(b) the number of STD./ISD/PCO booths functioning in each district of West Bengal particularly in Durgapur region and Diphu regior of Assam at present;

(c) the number of applications lying pending for the installation of said booths;

(d) the time by which the said applications are likely to be cleared; and

(e) the number of said booths proposed to be installed during 2001-2002?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Sir, STD/ISD/PCO booths are allotted liberally to all the eligible applicants on first come first served basis as per their registration.

(b) The number of STD/ISD/PCO booths functioning in West Bengal & Assam, district-wise, is given in the Annexure. STD/ISD/PCC functioning in Durgapur region of West Bengal & Diphu region of Assam are 554 and 152 respectively.

(c) 5493 and 340 applications are lying pending for installation of STD/ISD/PCO booths in West Bengal & Assam respectively.

(d) The pending applications are to be cleared progressively by March 2002.

(e) 6353 and 2000 STD/ISD/PCO booths are proposed to be installed in West Bengal and Assam respectively during 2001-2002 subject to availability of applicants.

NAME OF THE STATE: WEST BENGAL

SL. NO. NAME OF DISTRICT NUMBER OF STD/ISD/PCO BOOTHS FUNCTIONING

1 ASANSOL 2124
2 BANKURA 158
3 BEHRAMPORE 702
4 HOWRAH 79
5 HOOGLY 131
6 24 PRAGANA NORTH 347
7 24 PRAGANA SOUTH 98
8 COOCHBEHAR 312
9 JALPAIGURI 611
10 KHARAGPUR 1105
11 KRISHNAGAR 363
12 MALDA 400
13 PURULIA 95
14 NORTH DINAJPUR 347
15 SOUTH DINAJPUR 268
16 SILIGURI 1164
17 SURI 697
18 CALCUTTA METRO 14426

NAME OF THE STATE: ASSAM

SL. NO.	NAME OF DISTRICT	NUMBER OF STD/ISD/PCO BOOTHS FUNCTIONING
1	KAMRUP	3219
2	DIBRUGARH	526
3	TINSUKIA	520
4	CACHAR	662
5	KARIMGANJ	458
6	HAILAKANDI	112
7	N.C.HILLS	64
8	JORHAT	340
9	SIBSAGAR	304
10	GOLGHAT	159
11	BOGAIGAON	260
12	GOALPARA	94
13	DHUBRI	261
14	KOKRAJHAR	93
15	BARPETA	289
16	NALBARI	124
17	SONITPUR	612
18	DARRANG	254
19	NORTH LAKHIMPUR	221
20	DHEMAJI	73
21	NAGAON	637
22	MORIGAON	108
23	KABRI ANGLONG (Diphu Region)	152